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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential, commercial, and industrial sales decreased in June of 1985 compared to last year. Total utility sales were down from 781.6 trillion Btu in June 1984 to 705.3 trillion Btu in June 1985.

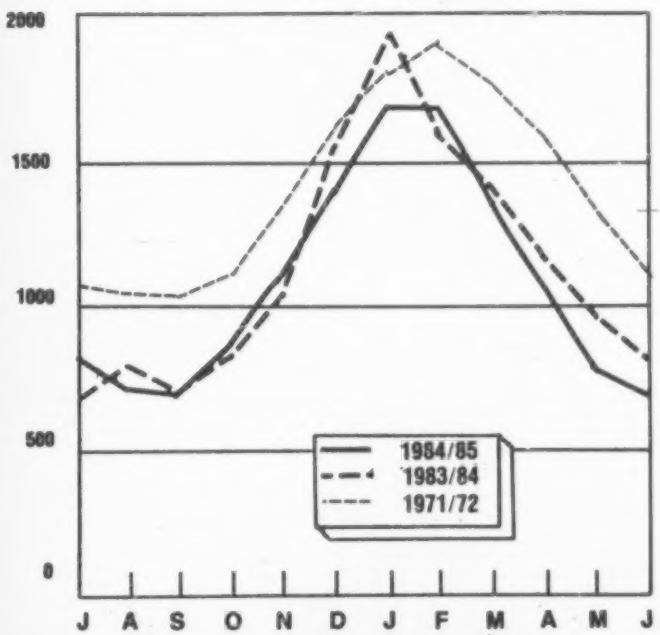
GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

	June			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1985	1984	% Change[1]	1985	% Change Last Period	1985 Forecast[2]	1984[P]	% Change
Residential	156.3	166.0	- 5.8	2,920.3	- 5.1	4,506.5	4,612.1	- 2.3
Commercial	93.0	96.0	- 3.0	1,422.5	- 5.1	2,327.6	2,362.9	- 1.5
Industrial	449.2	512.1	- 12.3	3,035.1	- 4.7	6,175.2	6,323.3	- 2.3
Other	6.8	7.5	-	85.4	-	144.7	147.8	-
Total Sales	705.3	781.6	- 9.8	7,463.3	- 4.9	13,154.0	13,446.1	- 2.2
Transportation	122.1	88.1	+ 38.6	821.7	+ 61.3	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	827.4	869.7	- 4.9	8,285.0	- 0.9	N/A	N/A	

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

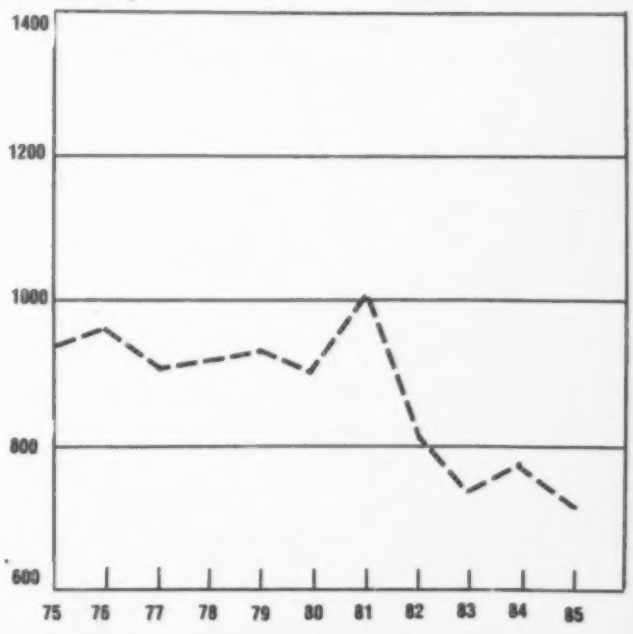
(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES

Sales - - - -
(Trillions of Btu)



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - JUNE
(Thousands of Units)

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Domestic Range			
Gas	174.1	152.6	+ 14.1
Electric	269.6	265.7[R]	+ 1.5
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	63.6	55.9	+ 13.8
Electric	255.5	217.6	+ 17.4
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	130.8	137.4	- 4.9
Electric	34.3	39.6	- 13.3
Oil	7.3	6.2	+ 18.3
Boilers			
Gas	13.0	11.4	+ 13.8
Electric	0.1	0.1	+ 0.1
Oil	10.4	6.3	+ 64.1

R-Revised.

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - JUNE

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	170.5	183.7	- 7.2
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	590.3	585.9	+ 0.7
Electricity	377.6	358.6	+ 5.3
Fuel Oil	616.9	656.2	- 6.0

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	60.0	66.5	- 9.8
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	6.80	6.67	+ 1.9
Commercial	5.67	5.76	- 1.6
Industrial	4.08	4.26	- 4.0
Total	4.91	4.96	- 1.0
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	122.1	88.1	+ 38.6
For Ultimate Consumers	39.1	43.7	- 10.5
For Resale	335.3	240.7	+ 39.3
Total	496.5	372.5	+ 33.3

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Jun.[P]	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.[P]	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.[P]	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.[P]	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.[P]	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.[P]	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.[P]	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758
1985	Jan.[P]	5.057	5.915	5.517	4.285	4.746
	Feb.[P]	5.058	5.901	5.507	4.281	4.723
	Mar.[P]	5.058	5.918	5.513	4.275	4.693
	Apr.[P]	5.062	5.933	5.533	4.275	4.649
	May[P]	5.059	5.941	5.532	4.265	4.623
	Jun.[P]	5.057	5.944	5.528	4.253	4.608

P-Preliminary

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1983	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.[P]	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.[P]	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.[P]	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.[P]	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May[P]	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.[P]	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.[P]	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.[P]	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.[P]	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.[P]	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.[P]	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.[P]	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35
1985	Jan.[P]	5.16	5.70	5.51	4.23
	Feb.[P]	5.08	5.57	5.34	4.20
	Mar.[P]	5.10	5.77	5.51	4.21
	Apr.[P]	5.12	5.90	5.67	4.30
	May[P]	5.00	6.34	5.57	4.15
	Jun.[P]	4.91	6.80	5.67	4.09

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data with the remaining months of 1985 heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.